



Congressman Joseph Crowley

NEW YORK-7TH DISTRICT

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Report to Seniors

Congressman Crowley is working to improve the quality of health care for all Bronx residents

INCREASING LOCAL ACCESS TO CARE:

Delivered \$800,000 to Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx for their transportation accessibility project to better serve their patients.

PROVIDING FOR LOCAL HOSPITALS: Secured \$1.2 Million in funding for Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva University in the Bronx.

ADDRESSING THE HIGH RATES OF CANCER:

Secured \$500,000 for Mount Sinai Hospital for a comprehensive, coordinated care program to deal with cancer prevention and detection.

BRINGING FRESH FOOD AND NUTRITION

EDUCATION TO THE BRONX: Fought for federal funding totaling \$38 million for this year alone for the Seniors and Farmers Market Nutrition Programs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These programs have increased the availability of healthy food choices to low income seniors.

BRINGING CARE TO EVERYONE: Co-sponsored legislation mandating the development of a comprehensive federal plan to ensure health care for every American.

HOLDING COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIRS: Held several community health fairs where local residents were provided free medical check-ups, referrals and sign-ups for state and federal programs.



Congressman Crowley gets his blood pressure checked at his recent "Senior Wellness Day" as he discusses health care matters pertaining to seniors with participating health care providers.

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Senior Healthcare: Fighting for greater availability, affordability, and accessibility

Congressman Joseph Crowley is fighting for responsible budget priorities that improve Medicare and honor our obligations to our parents without unduly burdening our children. Congressman Crowley is working to:

PUT SENIORS FIRST. Congressman Crowley knows that protecting Medicare means putting the needs of current and future beneficiaries first. That is why he opposes Republican efforts to privatize portions of Medicare.

GET REAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE UNDER MEDICARE.

Congressman Crowley believes a prescription drug benefit must be a universal benefit for all American seniors under Medicare. It should include incentives to lower the costs of medications, ensure that no senior is left behind, cannot have gaps in coverage, or leave seniors hanging on the whims of the marketplace or HMOs.

LOWER COSTS OF MEDICATIONS THROUGH REIMPORTATION.

Congressman Crowley led the charge for re-importation in Congress and introduced legislation to provide for the importation of drugs into the United States from Canada and Mexico, provided that proper safety measures are in place.

IMPROVE DISEASE PREVENTION. Congressman Crowley has fought to increase preventive benefits for seniors like flu shots and cancer screenings, and to add affordable, comprehensive prescription drug coverage.



Congressman Crowley discusses his work to lower the price of prescription drugs and make healthcare more affordable at his Senior Wellness Day.

Social Security: Working for solvency, safeguards and savings



The uncertainty of Social Security is a major concern among many seniors. Congressman Crowley talks with a Bronx resident about the work he is doing in Congress to preserve Social Security for generations to come.

Congressman Crowley believes that seniors should be able to enjoy their golden years — not live in fear of poverty. That is why the Crowley plan to preserve Social Security includes:

A BASIC COMMITMENT TO PRESERVE BENEFITS. Especially now, when so many workers have lost their retirement savings because of drops in the stock market, Congressman Crowley believes that ensuring the stability of Social Security pensions is more important than ever. A great number of individuals will be dependant on these checks for a large portion of their retirement income.

PROTECTING THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND. Congressman Crowley wants to return the government to a path of fiscal responsibility in order to ensure that we can protect the Social Security Trust Fund for future retirees. Instead of making American seniors pay for the Bush Administration's fiscal policies, the Administration should work with Congress and get their spiraling deficit under control.

OPPOSITION TO PRIVATIZATION. Proposals to privatize portions of Medicare would subject the retirement benefits of American workers to the volatility of the stock market. Congressman Crowley knows that privatization isn't fiscally responsible and won't provide American workers with a secure retirement.

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